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(54) ACTIVATED OXYGEN SCAVENGER AND SKIN  
BEAUTIFYING COSMETIC COMPOSITION

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a new and safe activated oxygen scavenger or a new and safe skin beautifying cosmetic composition from a plant.

SOLUTION: This activated oxygen scavenger or skin beautifying cosmetic contains one or more kinds of plant extracts selected from a flower or a flower bud of *Sophora japonica* L., a fruit of *Myrciaria dubia* (H.B.K.) Myrtaceac., a flower or a caput of *Chrysanthemum morifolium* Ramat., a pericarp or a fruit of *Citrus leiocarpa* hort. ex Tanaka, *Citrus tachibana* Tanaka,

*Citrus tangerina* hort. ex Tanaka or *Citrus reticulata* Blanco, a flower, a caput or the whole herb of *Achillea millefolium* L., a rhizome or a root, a leaf or a flower of *Althaea officinalis* L., a fruit cluster, a pistillate flower spike or a secretory portion of *Humulus lupulus* L. and a rhizome or a root of *Phragmites communis* (L.) Trin. The activated oxygen scavenger or the skin beautifying cosmetic composition has excellent activated oxygen scavenging actions and is capable of imparting an improvement in skin roughening and luster and tensity to the skin and can further be utilized for usual foods and drinks.

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